

Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program

2005-2006 General Information

The Arizona Department of Education announces the Robert C. Byrd Scholarship Program for 2005 – 2006.

A limited number of scholarships will be awarded to Arizona high school seniors who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and promise of continued success. Since this scholarship is competitive, it is necessary that all sections of the application are completed in order to be considered.

Each Byrd Scholar must pursue a full-time course of study at an approved institution of higher education. Federal Regulation CFR Part 668.3 defines such an institution, in part, as providing an educational program for which it awards an associate, baccalaureate, or professional degree. Recipients of the Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship will receive the awarded amount of \$1,500 per academic year for a total of 4 years for undergraduate studies. In the event of federal reduction of program funds, this amount may be reduced.

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Copies will be made by the school for each applicant. No other attachments are to be enclosed except those indicated in the application. The selection panel will not review any additional information.
- 2. The student, parent, and principal/assistant principal must sign the application forms in the appropriate places. School principals or counselors are responsible for sending in the application(s) from their school. If more than one application is submitted from one school, the principal must rank each application. Faxed applications or applications submitted directly by students will NOT be accepted.
- 3. Return ORIGINAL application (pages 1, 2 & 3), student transcripts (NOT in sealed envelopes), and four copies of each, a total of <u>five applications to</u>:

Arizona Department of Education Special Projects & Constituent Services Attn: Melanie Ragone Robert C. Byrd Scholarship Director 1535 West Jefferson, Bin #2 Phoenix, AZ 85007

APPLICATION MUST BE <u>RECEIVED</u> (NOT POST-MARKED)
BY THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ON OR BEFORE:

March 28, 2005

In Compliance with SEC.419E 20 U.S.C 1070d-35A, the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) agrees to oversee the administration of the BYRD Honors Scholarship Program in the State of Arizona, and assures compliance with all eligibility and selection provisions. This assurance includes empanelling a review committee from throughout the state. Finalists will include applicants from all counties in Arizona, selected from traditional, charter, and private high schools based on school size, academic performance, school and community involvement, school official recommendation and intended continuing education, so as to ensure two finalists from each county in Arizona. The ADE, furthermore, agrees to conduct outreach activities by mailing notice of the availability of the Byrd Honors Scholarship in and the applications to all traditional, charter, and private high schools in Arizona. Information about the Byrd Honors Scholarship is also found in several publications available at Arizona colleges and universities, as well as nationally.